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SUBJ: POLITICAL/MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS: NORTH REMAINS CALM

1. OPORTO AND THE NORTH REMAINED RELATIVELY CALM WHILE CONFRONTATION RAGED IN LISBON. AS OF 9:00 A.M. LOCAL NOV 26, OPORTO SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES (EXCEPT BANKS) ARE OPEN WITH NORMAL TRAFFIC. MILITARY FORCES ARE IN STATE OF ALERT BUT THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AT ANY OF THE OPORTO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

2. TWO PORTUGUESE "707'S" ARRIVED AT OPORTO CIVILIAN AIRPORT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON REPORETEDLY CARRYING AIR FORCE POLICE AND COMMANDOS WHO ARE BEING HOUSED IN FORMER QUARTERS OF OPORTO DRIVING TRAINING CENTER (CICAP.) OPORTO REGION WAS ALSO BUZZED LATE AFTERNOON BY SEVERAL FLIGHTS OF "FIAT" JETS, T-6'S, AND AVIO CARS. FLIGHTS WERE SIGNAL ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE THAT AIR FORCE WAS STILL OPERATIONAL AND LOYAL TO AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF MORAIS E SILVA.

3. NATIONAL RADIO (EN), RADIO CLUB PORTUGAL (RCP), AND OPORTO RADIO TELEVISION HAVE CUT CONNECTIONS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPECTIVE LISBON CENTERS AND BEGUN AUTONOMOUS OPERATIONS.

LENGTHY VIGIL AT RCP OPORTO OFFICE BY GROUP OF SOCIALISTS (PS)
AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (PPD) HELPED RADIO CLUB
DECIDE. MORNING OPORTO NEWSPAPERS APPEARED ON STREETS AS USUAL.

4. THERE WAS ANOTHER SERIES OF FOUR BOMB EXPLOSIONS JUST
BEFORE DAWN IN OPORTO DAMAGING THREE CARS AND A BUILDING.
NO INJURIES REPORTED. SUCH BOMBINGS HAVE BECOME ALMOST
COMMONPLACE AND NEWS WAS TOTALLY OVERSHADOWED BY EVENTS IN
LISBON.

5. COMMENT: NORTH IS EVIDENTLY BEING USED AS HOME BASE AREA
FOR MODERATES BUT THUS FAR SUPPORT HAS BEEN MORAL AND NOT
MATERIAL. ONLY CONFIRMED PARTICIPATION OF NORTHERNERS
DIRECTLY IN LISBON EVENTS HAS BEEN AT RIO MAIOR BARRACADES.
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